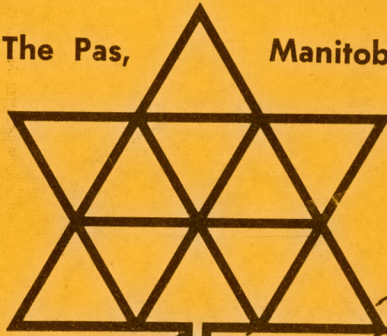


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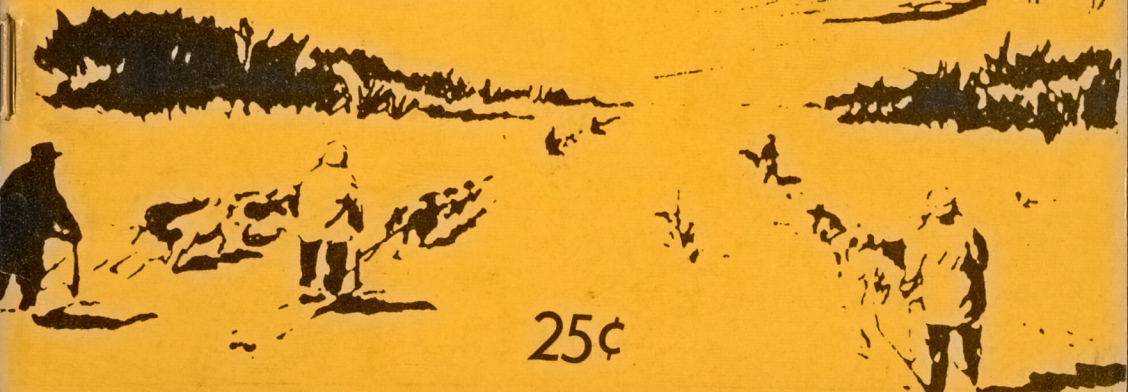


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New initiatives and activities in our Northland will lend support to a bigger and better Festival in this our centennial year.

My congratulations to the Chairman and his staff who make this celebration a success and a much welcomed annual event. Their efforts do much to brighten up this wonderful country each mid-winter.

May I extend a hearty welcome to all visitors to the 1967 Trappers' Festival and I know that your stay in the capital of Northern Manitoba will be most enjoyable.

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Planning a "Centennial" Festival has been the dominant factor in the deliberations of the executive committee. It has not been easy. As this booklet goes to press we were still wrestling with the problem of building an Ice Palace out of ice. We hope to enlarge the inside area of the Fort. The opening night's display of fireworks is well in hand and so is the community bonfire and the weiner roast. The picture gallery in Christ Church Parish Hall is set and so is the Manitoba Government Display at the provincial building. Premier Duff Roblin of Manitoba will deliver a keynote centennial address at the Mushers' Banquet. We are hopeful that other centennial features can be incorporated in the program, manpower and finances permitting.

For some of us on the executive, this will be our last year in such a capacity. Our sincere thanks to the advertisers and sponsors whose contributions underwrite a good portion of our budget. Also to the Centennial Fur Queen Candidates and their sponsors and to the various local organizations and individuals who form the basis of our energetic committees.

A hearty northern welcome to our visitors. Good luck to the various contestants in all events. Good fun to everyone.

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The Cover

A participant at the 1966 Trappers' Festival was Jan Kamienski, cartoonist with the Winnipeg Tribune. Mr. Kamienski made several sketches of that Festival. Four of his drawings make up our front cover.



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Program of Events

FESTIVAL H.Q. — LOBBY, CAMBRIAN HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th:

- 7:00 P.M. - Moccasin Race - Cambrian Hotel to Ice Palace
Lighting of Torch at Palace
Lighting of Bonfire
- 7:30 P.M. - Fireworks Display (Sports Grounds)
Community Weiner Roast
First clue in Treasure Hunt for Ice Worm
- 8:30 P.M. - Moccasin Dance (Sports Grounds)
Tug-O-War Preliminaries (Sports Grounds)
- 9:30 P.M. - Stage Show (Lido Theatre)
- 12:00 P.M. - Trappers Rendezvous (Cabaret Dance - Legion Hall)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th:

- 9:00 A.M. - Steelgas Pancake Breakfast (Fort - Sports Grounds)
- 9:45 A.M. - Opening Ceremonies (Ice Palace)
- 10:00 A.M. - First Lap - World Championship Dog Derby (Sports Grounds)
- 10:15 A.M. - Tug-O-War Preliminaries (Sports Grounds)
- 10:45 A.M. - Motorized Toboggan Parade (CN Station to Sports Grounds)
- 11:00 A.M. - Broomball Tournament (Cambrian Hotel)
- 11:30 A.M. - Broomball Tournament (Cambrian Hotel)
- 12 Noon - 9 P.M. - Picture Gallery - Christ Church Hall No Admission Charge
- 12 Noon - Motorized Toboggan Races (Sports Grounds)
- 1:30 P.M. - Sports Program (Sports Grounds)
- 2 to 6 P.M. - National Film Presentation (Elks Hall) No Admission Charge
- 3:00 P.M. - Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Ice Palace)
- 4:00 P.M. - Broomball Tournament (Cambrian Hotel)
- 5:00 P.M. - Treasure Hunt Clue for Ice Worm (Headquarters Blackboard)
- 9:30 P.M. - Stage Show (Lido Theatre)
- 9:30 P.M. - Muk-Luk A-Go-Go (The Pas Arena)
- 12:00 P.M. - Trapper's Rendezvous (Legion and Elk's Halls)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th:

- 9:00 A.M. - Steelgas Pancake Breakfast (Fort - Sports Grounds)
- 9:30 A.M. - Parade
- 10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. - Indian Arts and Handicraft Show - Raw Fur Competition Display (Collegiate Auditorium)
- 11:00 A.M. - Queen Ceremony Crowning (Ice Palace)
- 11:30 A.M. - Second Lap World Championship Dog Derby (Sports Grounds)
Sports Program (Sports Grounds)
Motorized Toboggan Races (Sports Grounds)
- 12 Noon - 9 P.M. - Picture Gallery - Christ Church Hall No Admission Charge
- 12 Noon - Junior Dog Derby (Sports Grounds)
- 1:30 P.M. - Red Rose Pail Bonspiel Finals (Opasquai School)
- 1:30 P.M. - Flour Packing & Bannock Baking Contests - Tea Boiling (S.G.)
- 2 to 6 P.M. - National Film Presentation (Elks Hall) No Admission Charge
- 2:00 P.M. - Fur Fashion Show and Tea (Collegiate Auditorium)
- 2:00 P.M. - Broomball Tournament (Cambrian Hotel)
- 4:30 P.M. - Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Ice Palace)
- 5:00 P.M. - Third Clue for Ice Worm (Headquarters Blackboard)
- 6:30 P.M. - Musher's Banquet (Guy Hall) - Open to Public (Stew & Bannock)
- 9:00 P.M. - Stage Show (Lido Theatre)
- 9:30 P.M. - Dance (The Pas Reserve)
- 9:30 P.M. - Muk-Luk A-Go-Go (The Pas Arena)
- 12:00 P.M. - Trappers Rendezvous (Legion - Elks - Guy Halls)

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th:

- 9:00 A.M. - Steelgas Pancake Breakfast (Fort - Sports Grounds)
10:00 A.M. - Third Lap World Championship Dog Derby (Sports Grounds)
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. - Indian Arts and Handicraft Show - Raw Fur Competition Display (Collegiate Auditorium)
10:15 A.M. - Tug-O-War Preliminaries (Sports Grounds)
10:45 A.M. - Hudson's Bay Freight Race (Sports Grounds)
11:00 A.M. - Junior Sports (Sports Grounds)
Last Clue For Ice Worm (Headquarters Blackboard)
Motorized Toboggan Races (Sports Grounds)
12 Noon - 5:00 P.M. - Picutre Gallery - Christ Church Hall - No Admission Fee
12:30 P.M. - Broomball Tournament (Cambrian Hotel)
1:30 P.M. - Marathon Snowshoe Race (Sports Grounds)
1:30 P.M. - Junior Sports (Sports Grounds)
2 to 6 P.M. - National Film Presentation (Elks Hall) No Admission Charge
2:00 P.M. - Fur Show and Tea (Collegiate Auditorium)
3:00 P.M. - Approximate Arrival of Dogs (Ice Palace)
4:30 P.M. - Broomball Finals (Cambrian Hotel)
7:30 P.M. - Beard Growing Contest Finals (The Pas Arena)
7:45 P.M. - Festival Highlights (The Pas Arena)
10:00 P.M. - Queen's Ball (Legion Hall)
Dance (The Pas Reserve)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our thanks to the management of the CAMBRIAN HOTEL in providing space for our Festival Headquarters. And to FRANK HALL for his feature article "Manitoba and Confederation"



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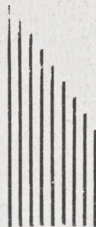


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The National Film Board with the co-operation of the organizers of the Trappers' Festival and the Film Council in The Pas has arranged to hold film showings in the Elk's Hall during each afternoon of the three day celebration, from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M.

The films will be National Film Board productions and will cover topics such as travel in Canada, Centennial celebrations, and acti-

vity in Canada's North. Many of the films have won international awards and should prove interesting and entertaining to the public.

It is hoped that these showings can contribute to the success of the Trappers' Festival and at the same time offer residents of the area an opportunity to visit other regions of Canada on film early in Centennial year.

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Canada's centennial year is saluted in the opening number "Proudly We Praise", composed by Don Wright. Then the audience will "Meet the Minstrels", a rousing medley of favourite songs. "Les Girls" features Del Chartier, Hazel Hyde, Margaret Reid and Lynn Cornish in solo numbers. The Pas' own "Three Dees", Denyse Morrish, Norma Booth and Joyce Colgan present 'Some of Those Songs.'

Following intermission the chorus lead off with sweet sentimental melodies such as 'Somewhere My Love', the theme from 'Dr. Zhivago' and the old favourite 'A Blossom Fell.'

The scene changes to "Pot Pourri", a variety of songs by different performers including Jeanette Jackson, Theresa Hutton, Mary Williamson and Stu Carey. Highlighting this scene will be Cliff Gardiner of CJOB, Winnipeg, who will repeat his success as Mr. Doolittle of "My Fair Lady" fame . . . a recent hit of Winnipeg's Rainbow Stage.

New faces will be introduced to The Pas in male performers. Paul Struch, Wayne Hutton, Claude Joyal, Ross Feilding, and soloists Murray Cowan, Robb Schiefele and Stan Reid.

In the "Finale" of the show, "Your Requests", everyone is bound to recognize a favourite of theirs amongst the melodies. Mrs. Joyce Colgan on Hammond Organ and

Mrs. Doreen Martin on Piano accompany the chorus. Costumes and scenery designed by Mrs. Norma Booth.



CLIFF GARDINER who will be appearing in the Stage Show Production "Black and White Minstrels". He will also be Master of Ceremonies at a number of Festival Features.

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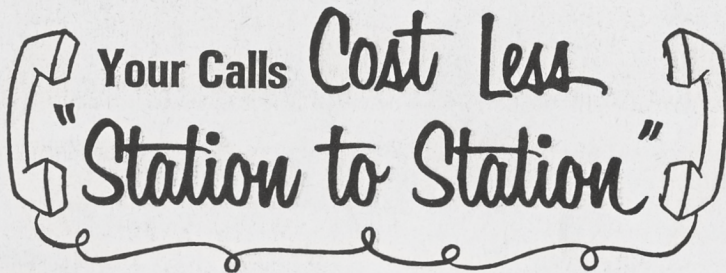
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Trappers' Rendezvous are also scheduled for the Elks Hall, Thursday and Friday Evenings, operated by The Pas Lodge B.P.O. ELKS; and at Guy Hall, Friday evening operated by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Times for all Rendezvous are the same 12 Midnight to 3:00 A.M. Steaming hot stew and Bannock buns with coffee round out the three hours of dancing and refreshments.

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Brief opening ceremonies are set for 9:45 A.M., Thursday Morning at the Sports Grounds, just prior to the start of the first lap of the World Championship Dog Derby. The big race covering three daily laps of 50 miles each is sponsored by LABATT'S MANITOBA BREWERY. The race itself is operated by The Pas KINSMEN CLUB.

The Kinsmen also handle the 20 mile Freight Race, Saturday morning at 10:45, sponsored by the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY and the Junior Dog Derby, Friday at 12 Noon.

The Motorized Toboggan events commence Thursday morning with their own parade from the CNR station to the Sports Grounds. Racing starts at 12 noon and continues throughout Friday and Sat-

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Broomball is played at various hours on all three days next to the Cambrian Hotel. Service and Fraternal Organizations and any other groups or individuals who wish to make up a team play against each other until a winner is declared Saturday afternoon for the MAR-

VIN ROSS Trophy.

The National Film Board in co-operation with The Pas Film Council will show films each afternoon in the Elk's Hall starting at 2:00 P.M. There is no admission charge.

The Teenagers get together in The Pas Arena Thursday and Friday evenings at 9:30 for their Muk-Luk A Go-Go. This dance on ice with live orchestra is sponsored by the M.B.C.I. STUDENT COUNCIL.

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afternoon at 1:30. These events which continue Friday morning & afternoon are run-off by The Pas LIONS CLUB. On Saturday afternoon at 1:30 the BRITISH AMERICAN OIL Marathon Snow Shoe Race, covering a distance of 25 miles and offering \$200 in prizes.

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evening at The Pas Arena. The award goes to the contestant receiving the best aggregate of points in all sporting events. The King Trapper receives a financial reward from the Festival Association while the Junior King Trapper receives The Pas LIONS CLUB Trophy.

Festival Highlights in The Pas Arena Saturday night also has a number of contests. Moose Calling, Goose Calling, and the Senior Jigging events are sponsored by the ALOUTTE HOTEL. The Junior Jigging is sponsored by JACK P. JOHNSON Agencies. The Squaw Wrestling by PROFIT'S BA SERVICE, & the Heaviest Couple by MEDRIC POIRIER. There is also the Fish Eating, Fiddling and Best Festival Dress Contests. Festival Highlights is handled by The Pas ROTARY CLUB. The program gets underway at 7:30 with the final judging in the Beard Growing Contest. Throughout the program many of the major awards and trophies will be awarded of the various winners.



Walter Koshel - 1966 King Trapper

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The Centennial Fur Queen will
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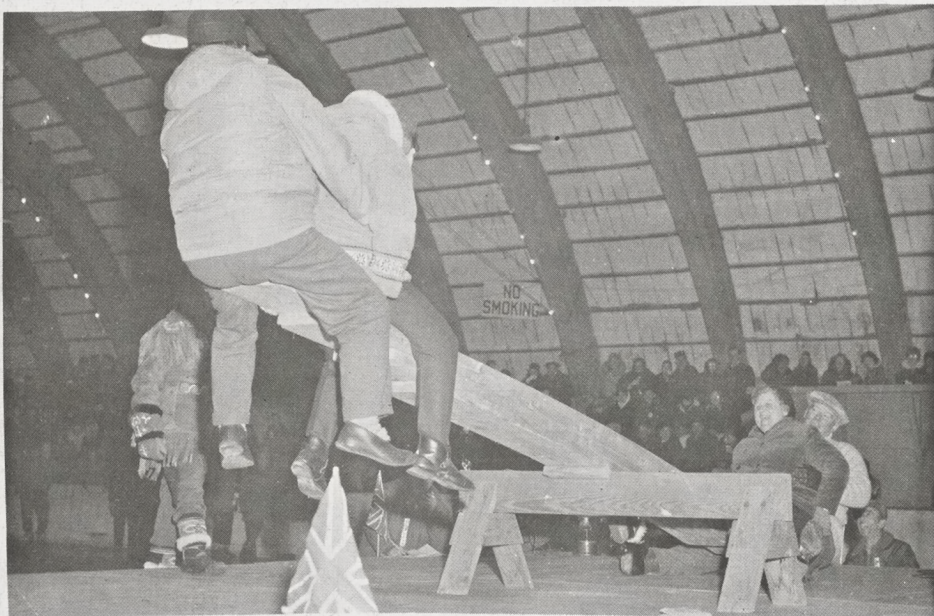
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Sponsored by the Yorkton Square Dance Zone, twenty year old Marilyn Raynard hails from Stoughton, Saskatchewan. A graduate of Marvel Beauty School, Saskatoon, Marilyn now operates her own shop at Fillmore, a few miles "from home" at Stoughton.

Her hobbies are figure skating, curling, knitting and creating wax table centers. She enjoys hockey and spends considerable time skiing.



At the time this booklet went to press, a candidate was also entered from **CRANBERRY PORTAGE**, sponsored by Frontier Collegiate. No picture was available. The Festival Committee was also hopeful that there would be one and possibly two more candidates entered.

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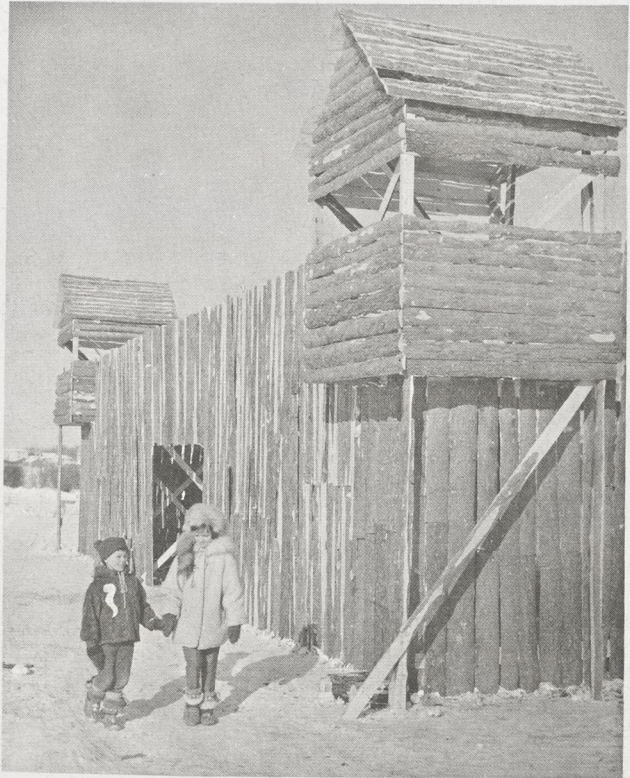
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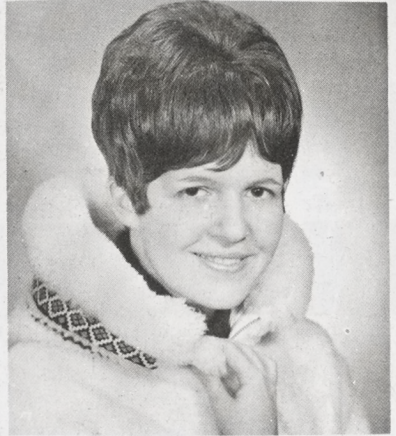
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MISS FLIN FLON



CAROL HANSON

Carol Hanson, a petite 5' 1½" brown-eyed blonde, was born in Flin Flon and has spent all of her life in the north. She took commercial training during the last three years of her schooling at Hapnot Collegiate, and is working as an office clerk in the Hudson Bay Store.



TRUDY KRELLER

Trudy Kreller a lovely brunette born in Flin Flon twenty years ago. She attended Terrace Elementary and took her senior years at Hapnot Collegiate. Following a business course at Success Business College, Winnipeg, she returned to Flin Flon as a stenographer in the Northern Manitoba Power Office.



BARBARA BROCK

Twenty year old Barbara Brock was born in Flin Flon. She attended Birchview School and Hapnot Collegiate, then went to Brandon for a business course. She is a key punch operator with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelthing Co., Limited.



MARION BERNARD

Another lovely candidate from Flin Flon is eighteen year old Marion Bernard, a 5' 5" brunette. Born in Flin Flon she took her schooling there. She is now a telephone operator with Manitoba Telephone.

THREE DAYS — Continued

be formerly crowned Friday morning at 11:00 at the Ice Palace. The Queen will receive a fur coat from the Trappers' Festival. The ceremony will follow the parade set for 9:30 A.M. The Pas CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is handling all parade arrangements. There are four categories for the floats - Organizations, Churches, Schools and Commercial. KEYSTONE FISHERIES award their annual trophy to the best all-round float as well as \$50 awards to the best Organization and School floats. The Festival sponsors the same prize money for the other two classes.

The ever popular Fur Fashion Show and Tea is presented Friday and Saturday afternoons in the Collegiate Auditorium, at 2:00 P. M. The Fur Show is sponsored by KERR'S FURS and presented by The Pas LION'S. Tea arrangements are by the M.B.C.I. STUDENT COUNCIL.


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Friday afternoon at 1:30 on the grounds of the Opasquai School the finals in the Red Ribbon Coffee Pail Bonspiel will be played. This bonspiel got under way in December and is sponsored by BROOKE BOND.

Premier Duff Roblin of Manitoba will be the guest speaker at the Musher's Banquet in Guy Hall, Friday evening starting at 6:30. Arrangements for the banquet are in the hands of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

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A special centennial feature this year will be the PICTURE GALLERY in Christ Church Parish Hall. Here a wide and numerous selection of pictures of past festivals have been gathered together und-

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The Queen's Ball, Saturday night at 10:00 in the Legion Hall brings the Festival to a conclusion.



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Once again it is brought to our attention that the camera is an invaluable too for recording history. And that is what this picture gallery is, a history of Trappers' Festivals.

All the excitement is here, the dag races, crownig of the Queens, flour packing, broomball and other contests and people just plain enjoying themselves.

For the old time festival goers the gallery will be a trip into nostalgia and for those attending a festival for the first time it will be a picture juorney into the past.

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In addition, there will be other displays involving fish, forestry & parks, possibly including a lighted ice carving, if conditions are right.

Inside the Provincial Building lobby is a very interesting exhibit of mining samples, a mine model and maps, plus a series of photographs depicting the early days of mining in Northern Manitoba. Old timers will recognize many friends in the pictures.



The Fur Trade has been a dominant factor to the economy of Northern Manitoba. Today you rarely see the type of Trapper as LARS A. SELNES (above) displaying some of his catch in the Cormorant River Area, back in 1941.

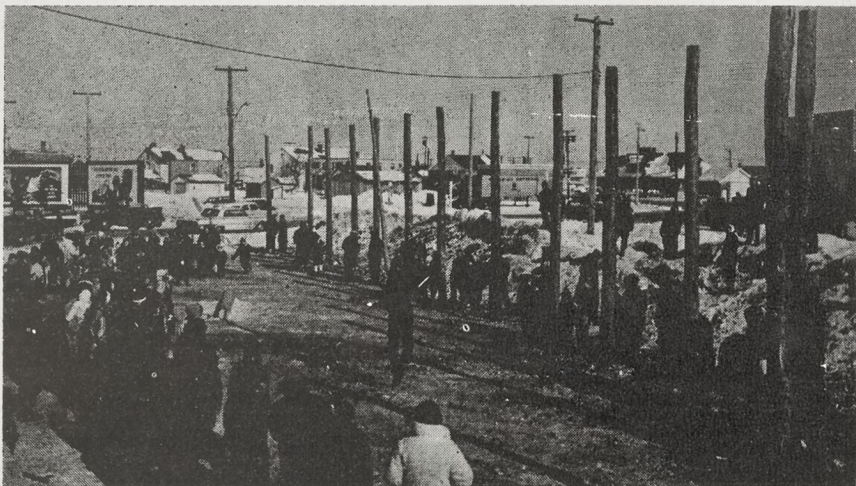
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Manitoba and Confederation

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Frank Hall

The Confederation of Canada in 1867 meant nothing to The Pas and to the vast hinterland which lay beyond. It meant little at the time to the small area south of Lake Winnipeg which three years later was to join the infant union as Manitoba - the fifth province. When word filtered through from the east that a bill establishing a federal union had come into force on July 1st, there were mild rumblings at Red River Settlement (Winnipeg) and at widely scattered trading posts throughout the north and the northwest.

While the founding of this new political entity a thousand miles away had no direct impact on the people at Red River, they wondered nonetheless what it might mean

to them in the future. Thirty-three years before they had also wondered what it might mean when Assiniboia (where they lived) was returned to the Hudson's Bay Company by Lord Selkirk's heirs. But the transfer of sovereignty wrought no fundamental change. The old proprietary government of the House of Douglas was superseded by the new proprietary government of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the people went on living very much the same as they had before. But what was their future?

Suppose Confederation were to reach out and take them into its fold, would life be the same under the new rule of Canada as under the old rule of the Hudson's Bay Company? During most of its tenure in the territory which became Manitoba, the Company had maintained an easy form of government a sort of benevolent autocracy which stiffened only to check the activity of those who were free trading in furs. For several long periods of time, when there were no courts, no judges, no lawyers, no policemen, there was no government at all.

From time to time attempts were made to establish a judicial system based on the common law

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of England, but during the few brief periods when the Company set up legal machinery to protect its own interests and to prosecute offenders, few arrests were made. On the rare occasion when someone was brought to trail, convicted and sentenced, militant citizens would release him from custody either before he went to prison or immediately thereafter. Following such breaks as these (and there were several.) no subsequent action was ever taken by the Company to re-arrest the miscreant or to apprehend his rescues.

A Justice of the Peace, James Sutherland, who arrived at Red River under the Company's auspices in 1817, seems to have been more a minister of the gospel than a justice of the peace. Though not in holy orders, he administered the sacraments and conducted public worship, (by authority of the Church of Scotland) not once break-

ing his pastoral rounds to turn to his first charge - the administration of justice at Red River Settlement.

In 1836, when the first jury trial held in Assiniboia found Louis St. Denis guilty of trading in furs on his own account, he was sentenced to be flogged in public. But his friends who would not stand idly by while this indignity was being administered, stoned the floggers & set St. Denis free. He was never taken into custody again, and his friends were never harassed. When Adam Tom was Recorder (Judge) of Rupert's Land, he found Pierre Guillaume Sayer and a number of others guilty of trading in furs, but no sentence seems to have been imposed on Sayer and the others, and the case was dropped in the face of public furor in favour of "the restoration of tranquility in the settlement."

From 1858 to 1861 there was no judge in Rupert's Land, but Dr.

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In 1867, throughout all of Western Canada (as we know it today) there were no regular or volunteer troops to put down civil insurrection, to quell Indian uprisings, or to check armed invasion. The Company controlled government and trade without the usual allies - bar bench and bayonet, and no challenge to this absolute but lightly held authority ever came to a head until the settlers and free traders at Red River raised their voices in protest in Ottawa and London.

The main cause of complaint was that the Company refused to grant permission to the settlers to trade on their own account. Thus the

monopoly of trade which was implicit in the Charter of Charles II was preserved. The Council of Assiniboia which ruled the area within a fifty mile radius of the fork of the Red and Assiniboine was nominally representative of the people - but it was an appointed body - appointed by the Hudson's Bay Company to safeguard its own interests. At the site of The Pas as elsewhere throughout the north, the Chief Factors and Chief traders were masters of their own trading posts and the districts they commanded. The rule of the Company (such as it was) and its restraint of free trade was therefore maintained throughout all of Rupert's Land.

This was the problem to which Sir John A. MacDonald addressed himself after he had brought Confederation to a successful issue. "The Hudson's Bay question must be settled," he wrote, "and the rapid march of events and the increase in population on this con-

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continent will compel England and Canada to come to some arrangements respecting this immense country." Later the same year 1867 the relevance of Sir John's concern was brought to sharper focus when the United States purchased Alaska. Now all the west and northwest lay open to direct penetration by Americans on two fronts. In the south, American farmers were taking up land in the fertile Red River Valley, and in Red River Settlement itself an annexation party, abetted by spies of the United States Department of State, was openly supported by free traders from St. Paul.

Among the 1500 white settlers and traders at Red River in 1867 there was a feeling that change was imminent. Moreover, the men at the trading posts - Brandon House and Fort Alexander in the south, Swan River Post and Fort Ellice in the central park lands, Le Pas (du Pas) and Oxford House in the nor-

thern Coniferous zone - all felt the winds of change blowing through the old realm of Rupert's Land. Their feelings were well expressed by Bishop David Anderson when he wrote: "There is a general expectation . . . that this land, at least our own settlement, may become a direct colony of the Crown."

If the Company's sovereignty was to end; if there was to be a new form of government, what would it be? A Crown Colony could be established in the Red River Valley without too much disruption to the old order. This was the form of administration which had been recommended for Vancouver Island in 1857 by the Select Committee of the British House of Commons. On the other hand, the whole of Rupert's Land might be united with Canada as a single new province, just as had been urged by the old pre-Confederation government of Canada (under the Union Act of 1840). Finally, there was the proposition that the future political al-

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ignment of Rupert's Land should be with the United States.

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afforded to the whole country by its federal troops.

Prior to 1867 the union of Rupert's Land and Canada had been openly discussed on both sides of the Atlantic, but no action had been taken by either the Imperial government or the Union government of Upper and Lower Canada. Each was reluctant to make the first move and for a very good reason. The large sum which would be required to buy out the Hudson's Bay Company, a pre-requisite to union, stayed the hand of each government. And so the project hung fire for over a decade, neither daring to make the first move until one or the other was forced to do so.

In the meantime the historical validity of pressing for union between Canada and Red River rose to prominence in Lower Canada. French Canadians were the first to explore and trade in southern Manitoba, and following the initial west-

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ward sweep of de la Verendrye and his sons, many voyageurs of the North West Company married Indian women and settled in the west. The ties between the small French Canadian settlements along the Assiniboine and the small French Canadian settlements along the St. Lawrence (from whence the voyageurs came) were therefore strong.

The offspring of the French Canadian voyageurs and the Indian women were the dominant group at Red River in 1867. There were some 5,000 of them. The English and Scottish half-breeds numbered about 4,000. And so there arose in Lower Canada a strong demand that Assiniboia and Rupert's Land should be annexed to Canada on the grounds that this outpost of the faith and patois should be brought into the fold. To this end an attempt was made to pit the old French claim to the Northwest against the Charter of the Hudson's Bay Company. But this ancient

document, which had stood impregnable against the assaults of the best legal brains of England for almost 200 years, was to stand in inviolate until its revocation in 1869.

The prospect of the Northwest becoming a Crown Colony, as Vancouver Island and British Columbia had become in 1858 and 1859, had first been advanced in 1857 by the Governor General, Sir Edmund Head. Three years later, now as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, he repeated the proposal. This time, supported by the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Newcastle, it appeared to be on the highroad to success. But when the Imperial government, in refusing to accept the financial obligations, turned down the proposal, it fell by the wayside.

Looking backward, it would seem that a Crown Colony would have served the country well at the time. After a probationary period this form of government could have be-

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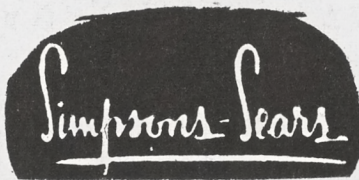
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come representative. If this had come to pass the people would have gained valuable experience in the operation of responsible government. They would have raised up legislators of their own, and some of these would have been called to the Quebec conference of 1864, where they would have made a contribution of their own to the planning of the Confederation of Canada. Instead, they were left out. Self-government was not granted to Manitoba until after the unnecessary and unsavory Red River Uprising had run its course in 1869 - 70.

Had Manitoba been a Crown Colony at the time it became a province in 1870, it might have joined the Dominion with its present large area intact, instead of having to wait until 1912 to get the territory above the 53rd parallel. It might also have been given ownership of its own natural resources

at the same time, a "concession" it did not get from the federal government until 1930.

Thus Manitoba was not to be one of the founding provinces. The way was left open, however, for its subsequent admission to the union. The final section of the British North American Act made provision for the entry of other "Colonies and Provinces" as follows: "It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (etc., etc.) . . . on Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of Canada to admit Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory, or either of them into the Union, on such Terms and Conditions in each Case as are in the Addresses expressed and as the Queen thinks fit to approve."

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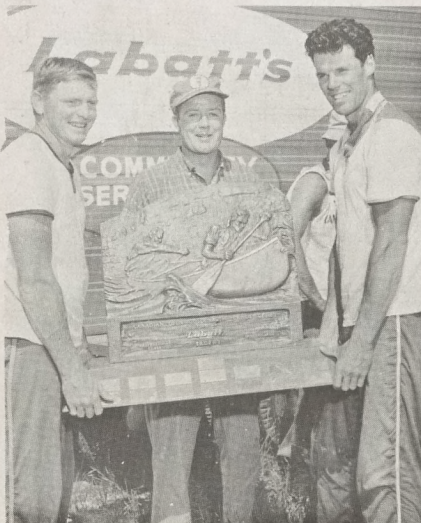
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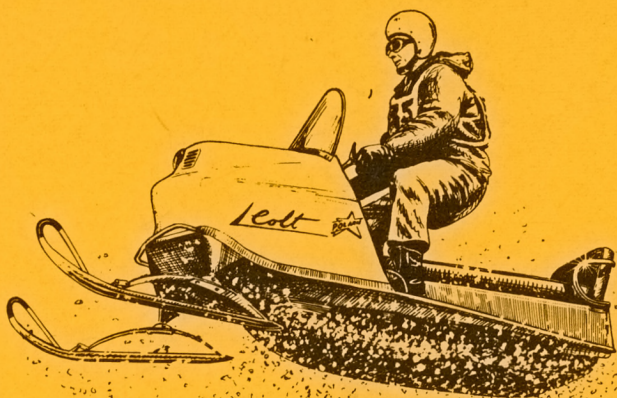
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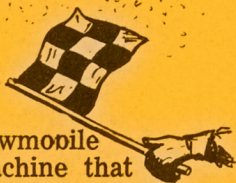
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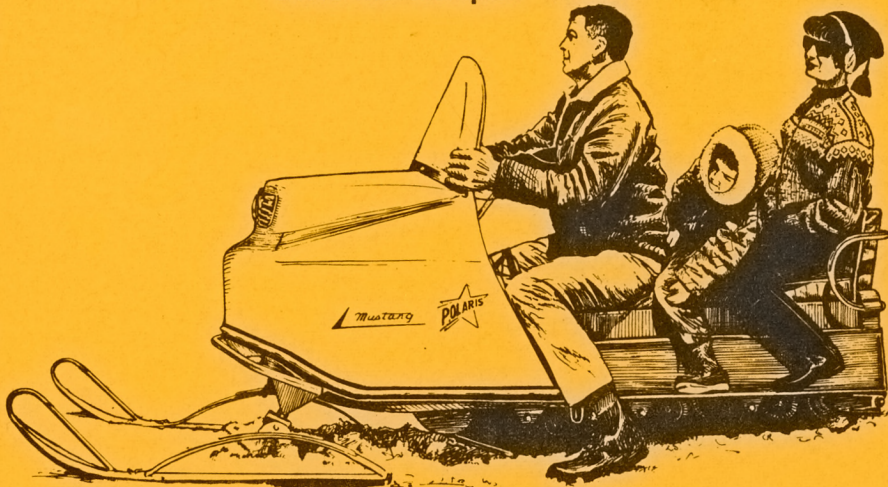
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